(c) No separate record of transfer of pension to dependents on the death of the freedom fighter is maintained.

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Deployment of Army to chek Infiltration on Indo-Pak Border

331. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether army have been deployed in certain sensitive districts on the Indo-Pak border to prevent infiltrations of terrorist elements; and

(b) if so, the results achieved so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Army Units are carrying out their usual training exercise in areas close to the international border with Pakistan, in certain sectors. While discouraging infiltration/exfiltration, the presence of the Army has helped to instill confidence among the local population.

Demand for Jharkhand State

332. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a growing demand for the Jharkhand State;

(b) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to establish autonomous council for the Jharkhand region; and

(c) if so, by when the said proposal is likely to take effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Some organisations have been articulating the demand for Jharkhand State. After the submission or report by the Committee on Jharkhand Matters, interaction has taken place with a number of political parties of Bihar and Government of Bihar with a view to find ways and means for a viable solution to the Jharkhand issue.

Applications for Freedom Fighters' Pension from Kerala

333. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for freedom fighters' pension received from Kerala upto 1990 and during 1991 to date;

(b) the total number of applications disposed of and how many of them are still pending; and

(c) the measures taken for their expeditious disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Upto 31-3-1982 which was the last date prescribed for receipt of applications, 30089 applications were received from the State of Kerala. This figure does not include the applications in which the applicants have claimed participation in I.N.A. and Arya Samaj Movement. State-wise and year-wise information in respect of applications received after 31-3-1982 is not being maintained.

(b) and (c) All the applications received upto 31-3-1982 have been disposed off. No separate record of receipt and disposal of applications received after 31-3-1982 is being maintained. In respect of delayed applications (i.e. received after 31-3-82) if sufficient grounds for condonation of delay exist they are disposed off on merits in consultation with the State Government.